and value of each product damaged during the said period; and

(b) what steps Government taken or propose to take to impress upon the exporters, manufacturers to check and improve the quality of packaging and protect the contents against multitransport and repeated handling hazards, before the goods are exported from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) As per information available with the concerned Export Promoption Councils, no specific report has so far been received by them about loss of foreign exchange due to poor packaging of these products.

(b) The Government through its vairous export promotion councils and other institutions encourages Indian exporters through training programmes, Seminars, Workshops and exhibitions to improve the quality of packaging to be of internaitonal standards. The services of the Indian Institute of Packaging are also used to disseminate latest technologies concerning packaging to the exporters. APEDA has also developed standard packaging for a number of fresh fruit* and vegetable products and gives financial assistance to any exporter who develops packaging for specific products as per buyers requirements.

Assistance to States from Consumer Welfare Fund

82. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided any assistance to States from Consumer Welfare Fund for the year 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to provide assistance to the States during the year 1995-% from the Consumer Welfare Fund;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Proposals received from various Association^ Consumer organisaitonvState Govern-ments have been considered.

(b) The total amount approved' sanctioned Statewise is given in the Statement (See *below).*

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As at Annexure.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

State-wise approved/sanctioned fund position from the CWF during 1994-95 and 1995-96

SI. No.	States/UTs.	1994-95	1995-96	Grant Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5,00,000	5,96,880	10,96,880
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—
3.	Assam	72,000	—	72,000
4.	Bihar	—	1,40,000	1,40,000
5.	Goa	—	—	—
6.	Gujarat	11,04,250	3,73,400	14,77,650
7.	Haryana	—	1,71,000	1,71,000
8.	Himachal Pradesh	—	1,22,580	1,22,580
9.	J & K	—	—	—

SI.	No. States/UTs.	1994-95	1995-96	Grant Total
10.	Karnataka	4,00,000	3,29,420	7,29,420
11.	Kerala	—	3,47,455	3,47,455
12.	Madhya Pra3esh	—	64,800	64,800
13.	Maharashtra	—	16,87,290	16,87,290
14.	Manipur	___	.	
15.	Meghalaya	—	_.	
16.	Mizoram			
17.	Nagaland	^_		
18.	Orissa	—	12,41,320	12,41,320
19.	Punjab	—	■	^_
20.	Rajasthan	5,71,950	1,55,250	7,27,200
21.	Sikkim			
22.	Tamil Nadu	12,78,300	13,47,490	26,25,790
23.	Tripura	___	__	
24.	Uttar Pradesh	77,400	4,39,200	5,16,600
25.	West Bengal	1,25,00Q>	93,600	2,18600
26.	A & N Islands	^_		
27.	Chandigarh	___	67,500	67,500
28.	D & N Haveli			
29.	Daman & Diu	—	—	—
30.	Delhi	5,00,000	10,09,650	15,09,650
31.	Lakshadweep	—	—	—
32.	Pondicherry	—	—	—
	Total	46,28,900	81,86,835	1,28,15,735

Slow Implementation of M.Ps.' Local Area Development Schemes in Bihar

83. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the agencies have been very slow in implementation of the M.P. s Local Area Development Schemes in Bihar;

(b) what is the reason for this slow performance of the agencies; and

(c) what is being done to expedite the proper implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (c) The position is being ascertained by the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the house.

Passbook scheme for Exports

84. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced passbook scheme for exporters to simplify the process of exports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBRAM): (a) and (b) Self declared Passbook Scheme was introduced in the Exim Policy 1992-97 announced on 31st March, 1992. The Scheme has since been modified with effect from 1st of April, 1995 and is now known as the "Passbook Scheme". The details of the Scheme are contained in Paragraph 54 of the Exim Policy and